

MASS. SL1.2: 5A 29/6/2001/
GOVERNMENT Gov. Doc.
DOCUMENTS

OF THE STATE LIBRARY OF
MASSACHUSETTS



312066 0281 3026 4



24 Beacon Street
Room 341 State House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Telephone: (617) 727-2590

TTD/TTY: (617) 727-0917

Fax: (617) 727-5819

Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Web Address: <http://www.state.ma.us/lib>

The State Library of Massachusetts is the official depository for Massachusetts state agency publications under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 6, section 39A.

Besides being a state depository, the State Library is also a depository for federal documents. This allows the public free access to government publications. The federal document collection at the State Library reflects the general subject strengths of the overall collection, including Congressional documents, census information, and the U.S. Code and Federal Regulations.



STATE DOCUMENTS

The State Library has the most complete collection of Massachusetts state publications in existence, dating to the inception of the Library in 1826, and earlier materials also available.

Legislative, executive, and judicial documents are part of the Library's collection as well as publications from commissions, authorities and other agencies of Massachusetts government.

Chapter 412 of the Acts of 1984 (GLM chapter 6, section 39B) created the depository program for Massachusetts.

The law requires all state agencies to deposit with the Library eight copies of all of their documents. Of the eight, two copies are to be cataloged and added to the Library's permanent collection, and one copy is sent to be microfilmed so that libraries throughout the state and the country can have access to Massachusetts publications. The following libraries serve as document depositories:

1. The Boston Public Library
2. The Springfield City Library
3. The Worcester Public Library
4. The UMass Amherst Library

In addition to the state depositories the Library of Congress receives a set of our documents. The State Library has produced a checklist of state documents since July 1976. This checklist provides a listing of those publications received at the State Library. The checklist is issued quarterly, an annual cumulative issue. Additional information is available on the official website of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (<http://www.state.ma.us>).

Some of the state documents available are the following:

1. Charter school information
2. State audits
3. Annual Reports of state agencies

Since 1975 the Library has microfilmed all Massachusetts documents received in its collection. All state documents in the Library are cataloged via the OCLC online bibliographic database. The Library's holdings symbol is MAS. Since 1978 state documents may be accessed through the State Library's Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC).

LOCAL DOCUMENTS

The Library collects annual reports of Massachusetts towns pursuant to its authority set out in Massachusetts General Laws chapter 40, sections 49 and 50. This is a large collection dating back to the nineteenth century.



FEDERAL DOCUMENTS

The State Library has participated for over 100 years in the U.S. Depository Library Program established by the U.S. Congress through the Government Printing Office. This program allows the public free access to government publications. The federal document collection at the State Library reflects the general subject strengths of the overall collection.

Federal documents are concentrated in the areas of Congress, the census (date back to the 1790 Census), the Department of Justice, the U.S. Code and the Code of Federal Regulations. Federal documents in the Library's collection since 1990 may be accessed through the online catalog.

The Government Printing Office (GPO) also provides the following:

1. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
2. Federal Register
3. Congressional Record
4. U.S. Code

GODIG

More information on government documents can be found from the Boston Library Consortium's Government Documents Interest Group (GoDIG):

<http://www.wellesley.edu/Library/GoDIG/godigindex.html>

CENSUS INFORMATION

The State Library maintains a complete collection of all Census Information dating back to the first federal census in 1790. The State Library also features CD-ROMs, DVDs, and mapping information from the 2000 Census. Call or visit the Library for more information.



The State Library of Massachusetts
341 State House
Boston, MA 02133
11/01